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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 3677**

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In re Application of:

Hideyuki MATSUSHIMA et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2003, the period for response having been extended by a request for extension of two (2) months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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